The present proposal when referred to the same quarter has been rejected on financial grounds. In these circumstances, Government regret nothing can be done in the manner indicated.

23. Commutation of Tiruppuvaram paid by ryots to jenmies into cash, one-half at 6 chs. and the other half at 11 chs. per parah.

Mr. K. Appathura Iyer B. A., B. L., (Nedumangad) stated that Tiruppuvaram is a portion of Sirkar tax assigned by Government in former days for the enjoyment of jenmies. The question was whether the latter could claim its recovery now as Michavaram or only as tax on pandarapattom and otti lands from which Tiruppuvaram is made payable to them. Being a grant by Government which Government, if they now chose to realize direct, could recover only in money at the rates fixed by the rules from time to time, the member thought that the jenmies themselves were not entitled to a greater indulgence in this respect, but should abide by the rules in force for the realization of Sirkar tax *viz.*, one-half at 6 chs. and the other half at 11 chs. per parah.

Reply.—On this question the opinions of the Peishkars have been called for, on receipt of which orders will be passed.

24. Separation of Magisterial from Revenue functions.

Mr. C. Padmanabha Pillai (Karunagapalli) stated that at present the Tahsildars found no time to do either their revenue or magisterial duties satisfactorily owing to a multiplicity of functions devolving on them and requested that separate Magistrates and Revenue officers might be appointed by Government to afford greater relief to the people.

Mr. N. Kesavan Valiathan (Kartikapalli) advocated the same views.

Mr. K. G. Sesha Aiyar B. A., B. L., (Central Association, Trivandrum) said that this question was being agitated all over British India and that even in Travancore, the experiment was tried some years ago. It was highly necessary to invest distinct officers with revenue and judicial functions instead of combining them in the same officer as at present and he requested that this suggestion might be taken up for the early consideration of Government.

Reply.—The system advocated already obtains in so far as Sub-

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